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N.J. BOARD OF NURSING

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

DEBORAH FLEMING, R.N. License # NO 09303500

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about September 6, 2014, a letter of inquiry issued on behalf of the Board to respondent's address of record, asking for information and documentation concerning an arrest for simple assault that took place on August 31, 2014, and for information relating to respondent's nursing practice.

3. The letter was sent by certified and regular mail. The certified mailing was returned, unclaimed. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's inquiry and/or failure to provide the Board with a valid mailing address constitutes a violation to cooperate with the Board's investigation in violation of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on February 12, 2015, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a \$500.00 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon the respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was returned, unclaimed. The regular mailing was not returned. The Board considered this matter and found that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no

discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 4^{th} day of Mag, 2015, ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent's nursing license is hereby suspended until she has fully responded to the Board's inquiry.
- 2. A \$500 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07101 within twenty-one days of the filing of this order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President